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SUBJECT: QUESTIONS RAISED BY SUPPORT AGENCIES AT RECENT IARS/
SAS BUREAU HEARINGS

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1. THROUGHOUT THE FISCAL YEAR, B&FO AND ACCOUNTANT SUPERVISOR WHO POSTS PEACE CORPS' ACCOUNTS, SPEND A CONSIDERABLE TIME WITH THE PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR AND HIS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, ADVISING THEM OF FUNDS AVAILABLE IN THEIR BUDGET LINE ITEM AND COST CODES. THIS TIME COULD BE REEVALUATED TO COME UNDER SUB-FUNCTION 2.1, WITH NO CHANGE IN OVER-ALL PERCENTAGE. PLEASE ADVISE IF THIS ACCEPTABLE.

2. FACTOR K, HOURS MAINTAINED POOLED VEHICLES WAS COMPILED CORRECTLY. INCUMBENT B&FO IS NOT ACCOUNTABLE HOW THIS FACTOR WAS COMPILED FOR SAS FY 74. ONLY TWO VEHICLES FALL UNDER THIS CATEGORY, COM'S AND DCM'S VEHICLES. NO OTHER AGENCY VEHICLE RECEIVED ANY MAINTENANCE.

3. BUREAU IS AWARE OF THE CONTROVERSY INVOLVED IN TELEGRAPHIC GROUP COUNT FOR SAS FY 74. MEETINGS AND CORRESPONDENCE WERE CARRIED ON PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF INCUMBENT B&FO. IT APPEARS THAT USMILGP WAS DISSATISFIED WITH THIS GROUP COUNT AND A SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR ARRIVED FROM DOD, PANAMA AND AFTER ARRIVAL OF THIS B&F, AND ALL FIGURES AVAILABLE AT THE TIME WERE SHOWN AND APPROVED. AT THE REQUEST OF MR. KREIGER IN TELCON WITH ARONHIME, THE POST EXECUTED SAS INCREASE/
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DECREASE NO. 3 ON MAY 15, 1974 IN ORDER THAN AN ACCEPTABLE

TELEGRAPHIC GROUP COUNT WOULD SHOW. DRASTIC REDUCTION OF ONE PERCENTAGE FACTOR FROM 62.1 PERCENT TO 15.0 PERCENT COULD AFFECT OVERALL PERCENTAGES IN BOTH SAS-5 AND SAS-6. FACTOR R HAS HIGHEST PERSONAL SERVICE COST ON SAS-5.

4. STATE BASIC'S TELEGRAPHIC GROUP COUNT IS BASED ON FIGURES RECEIVED FROM THE C&R UNIT MONTHLY, AND THE BUREAU KNOWS THAT THE TELEGRAPHIC WORD GROUP COUNT ON SAS FY 74 WAS COMPILED INCORRECTLY BY THE C&R SUPERVISOR AND THE B&F OFFICER AT THE TIME.

5. SAS FOR FY 75 WAS BASED ON FACTORS COMPILED IN COMPLIANCE WITH CURRENT REGULATIONS. ALL FACTOR PERCENTAGES ON SAS-2 WERE JUSTIFIED AND APPROVED BY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES IN MANAGUA PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF SAS SCHEDULES 4, 5 AND 6.
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